

(3) "Person" means a natural person, a firm, corporation, partnership, association, or other legal entity.

(4) "Victim":

(i) Means a person who suffers personal injury, death, or property loss as a direct result of crime; and

(ii) Includes, in the event of the death of a victim, the victim's estate or a beneficiary under a wrongful death action under Title 3, Subtitle 9 of the Courts Article.

(5) "Notoriety of crimes contract" means a contract or other agreement with a defendant, or a representative or assignee of a defendant, with respect to:

(i) The reenactment of a crime by way of a movie, book, magazine article, tape recording, phonograph record, radio or television presentation, or live entertainment of any kind;

(ii) The expression of the defendant's thoughts, feelings, opinions, or emotions regarding a crime involving or causing personal injury, death, or property loss as a direct result of the crime; or

(iii) The payment or exchange of any money or other consideration or the proceeds or profits that directly or indirectly result from a crime, a sentence, or the notoriety of a crime or sentence.

(b) A person who enters a notoriety of crimes contract with a defendant, or a representative or assignee of that defendant, shall:

(1) Submit a copy of the contract or summary of the terms of an oral agreement to the Attorney General; and

(2) Pay over to the Attorney General any moneys or other consideration not subject to an order of restitution under § [640] 807 of this article which by the terms of the contract would otherwise be owing to the defendant, or a representative or assignee of the defendant.

(c) (1) On receipt of a copy of a contract under subsection (b)(1) of this section, the Attorney General shall mail to any victim at the victim's last known address, a notice that informs the victim of the Attorney General's receipt of the copy.

(2) (i) After the passage of 30 days, but before the expiration of 180 days from receipt of the contract or moneys described in subsection (b)(2) of this section, the Attorney General shall render a decision as to whether a contract is a notoriety of crimes contract.

(ii) The Attorney General may render the decision after 180 days for cause.

(3) For the purposes of rendering a decision under this subsection, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the contract is a notoriety of crimes contract. The